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USSOCOM PASS TO COLONEL ALAN KREZECZOWSKI, COLONEL STANLEY BROWN

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SUBJECT: HR VETTING FOR SOVEREIGN CHALLENGE
CONFERENCE-NORWAY

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¶1. (U) As required by the Departments of State and Defense Leahy Amendments, Embassy Oslo conducted a required human rights review of the following individuals for the purpose of their invitation to the 4th Annual Sovereign Challenge Foreign Military Attach (FMA) conference 17-20 November 2008 at Hurlburt Field, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Embassy Oslo's political section conducted the review on Oct 29 and has found no information that any of the individuals have been involved in human rights violations.

NAME: BG Arne Skjaerpe
POSITION: Senior National Representative SOCOM
CURRENT LOCATION: Tampa, Florida

NAME: COLONEL OLE HOJEM
POSITION: MILITARY AND NAVAL ATTACH, ASST DEFENSE ATTACH
CURRENT LOCATION: EMBASSY OF NORWAY, WASHINGTON DC

NAME: MAJOR GENERAL TOM KNUTSEN
POSITION: DEFENSE ATTACHE
CURRENT LOCATION: EMBASSY OF NORWAY, WASHINGTON DC

NAME: LTC JOHAN HAARBERG
POSITION: AIR ATTACH, ASST. DEFENSE ATTACH, DEFENSE COOPERATION
CURRENT LOCATION: EMBASSY OF NORWAY, WASHINGTON DC

NAME: LT COMMANDER FRANK JOHNNY RASMUSSEN
POSITION: ASST. NAVAL & MILITARY ATTACH
CURRENT LOCATION: EMBASSY OF NORWAY, WASHINGTON DC

NAME: MAJOR HUGO HERMANSEN
POSITION: ASST. AIR & DEFENSE COOPERATION ATTACH
CURRENT LOCATION: EMBASSY OF NORWAY, WASHINGTON DC

¶2. (U) Per reftel instructions assistance candidates subject to the Leahy amendment will only be vetted at post. There is no longer a requirement to do additional vetting at the Department of State for countries selected for Fast Track reviews (Norway is a Fast Track Review Country). Review conducted by Deputy Political and Economic Counselor George Noll.

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